



**The World Chess Federation (FIDE)
The Greek Chess Federation
The Chess Club "Chess Academy of Thessaloniki"**

WORLD AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2012

OPEN TO ALL FIDE COUNTRIES
Porto Carras, Halkidiki - GREECE
16 - 22 April 2012

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. INVITATION

The "Chess Academy of Thessaloniki", the World Chess Federation (FIDE) and the Greek Chess Federation have the honour of inviting all national chess federations and eligible players in the **FIDE World Amateur Chess Championship 2012** to be held in the 5-star Porto Carras Grand Resort in Halkidiki, Northern Greece from **16 April (1st round) to 22 April (9th round)**.

2. RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION

The participants shall not have a FIDE title or published FIDE rating above 2000 at the start of the tournament nor had such a rating for at least two years prior to the start of the event. The World Amateur Championship is open to all eligible chess players registered with their federation. FIDE-member federations shall have the right to send as many players as they wish. The World Amateur Women's Championship shall be held as part of the World Amateur Championship and female contestants will be eligible to win both titles.

3. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FEES

3.1 The FIDE entry fee is **30 euros** and this can be paid to the Organising Committee and forwarded to FIDE or sent directly to FIDE from the national federation before the start of the tournament.

The FIDE entry fee for the first two nominees of each national federation is FREE.

3.2 The registration fee to the Organizing Committee is **40 euros**.

4. REGISTRATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

4.1 Entry forms must be sent from the National Federations or the players and returned to the Organizing Committee no later than **Monday 12 March 2012**. If the registration is not forwarded by the Federation a copy must be sent to the National Federation. The individual participations must have the approval of the National Federations.

4.2 The registration email, must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and passport number (for visa only purpose) of each player and each accompanying person.

4.3 The cost of bus transportation from Thessaloniki airport to Porto Carras (120 km), including return on the departure day is 60 euros per person. The service is provided on 15 & 16 April for arrivals and 22 & 23 April for departures.

4.4 At the time of registration by **Monday 12 March 2012** the amount of 40 EUR (registration) + 50% of the total accommodation cost + 60 EUR transportation cost (if required) must be transferred, free of bank charges, to the following bank account for each participant or accompanying person. The rest of payments must be made the latest on arrival.

Delegations are advised to pay the total amount of their expenses through the bank account before their arrival:

BANK: EUROBANK
SWIFT/BIC: EFGBGRAA
IBAN: GR3102601380000960200289132
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0026.0138.96.0200289132
BANK ADDRESS: 8 Othonos Str., 10557 Athens - GREECE
ACCOUNT NAME: EVENT TRAVEL

ONLINE BOOKINGS for CHESS: www.eventtravel.net

The hotel bookings and transfers can be made and **with online credit card payment** through the exclusive authorized site: www.eventtravel.net

From the online menu choose **Games Festival**, then **Chess** and then the package of your choice.

Once the bank transfer has been received, the Organising Committee will issue and send the assigned booking confirmation.

5. VENUE - ACCOMMODATION

5.1. Accommodation and board will be provided **at the 5-star PORTO CARRAS GRAND RESORT which is the official hotel of the event and where the games will also be held.**

5.2. Every participant and all national delegations have to register through the Organising Committee and use the official hotel. Registrations, bookings and visa invitations are made only through the Organising Committee.

5.3. Hotel payments for all players and accompanying persons must be made in advance as described in registration process and the rest 50% the latest by arrival. Hotel payments must be paid in EUR currency (euros). No future payments of hotel bills will be accepted. Cancellations are not possible after 16 March 2012.

5.4. Lodging for players, coaches and accompanying persons will cost **per person, for 7 nights (15/4 to 22/4) FB** (includes breakfast, lunch and dinner). More nights at the same prices are possible on request.

PRICES PER PERSON F/B	PORTO CARRAS GRAND RESORT *****	EXTRA NIGHTS PER PERSON PER DAY
TYPE OF ROOM	COST PER PERSON for 7 nights	
SINGLE ROOM PACKAGE	550 € per person	78 € per person per day
DOUBLE ROOM PACKAGE	385 € per person	55 € per person per day
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE	350 € per person	50 € per person per day
TRIPLE ROOM PACKAGE One person 3- 12 years	315 € per person	45 € per person per day

VISA INFORMATION

Teams or players needing visas are requested to contact the Organising Committee **before 5 March 2012** and apply on time to Greek Authorities. The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary deposit payments are confirmed.

6. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 9 rounds. National ratings will not be taken into consideration for the pairings. Rate of play will be according to FIDE regulations 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the Game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1. Participants who have not confirmed their participation by Monday 16th April 13:00 will not be paired for the first round.

7. PLAYING SCHEDULE

Sunday	April 15 th	Arrival of Participants
Monday	April 16 th	13:00 Technical Meeting - Pairings
Monday	April 16 th	16:30 Round 1
Tuesday	April 17 th	16:30 Round 2
Wednesday	April 18 th	10:00 Round 3
Wednesday	April 18 th	16:30 Round 4
Thursday	April 19 th	16:30 Round 5
Friday	April 20 st	10:00 Round 6

Friday	April 20 st	16:30 Round 7
Saturday	April 21 st	16:30 Round 8
Sunday	April 22 st	10:00 Round 9
Sunday	April 22 st	16:30 Closing ceremony & Departures
Monday	April 23 st	Departures

8. PRIZES – TITLES

The World Amateur Champion shall be awarded **the title of FIDE master** and a rating of 2200. The Women's World Amateur Champion shall be awarded the title of **Woman FIDE master** and a rating of 2050. In the Open Section the winner of the Silver Medal shall be awarded a rating of 2100 and the Bronze Medal a rating of 2050.

PRIZE FUND			
GENERAL STANDINGS		WOMEN	
1.	1000	1.	400
2.	700	2.	300
3.	500	3.	200
4.	300		
5.	200		
6.	150		
7.	150		
8.	100	TOTAL	4000 €

Between tied players money prizes are divided equally.
If a woman player has the right to two or more prizes, she receives all of them.

9. GAMES FESTIVAL www.gamesfestival.com

- **International Open Chess Tournament for players with a FIDE rating of over 2000.**
9 rounds Swiss system – same schedule with the World Amateur Championship
- **FIDE World Amateur Chess Championship 2012**
- **International Youth Chess Open (U14)**
- **International Open Blitz Tournament**
7 rounds Swiss system, Sunday 22 April at 18:00 – with money prizes to be announced
- **Bridge, Scrabble & other games**
- **Excursions Program**

10. CONTACT THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE - www.gamesfestival.com

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